

Docket No. 59474.21700  
Customer No. 30734



Patent

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
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Serial No. 10/763,439 : Examiner: Darwin P. Erez  
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For: LIGATING CLIP WITH INTEGRAL TISSUE-SECURING MECHANISM

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension-of-time, to extend the time for response to a final Office Action mailed January 20, 2006, by filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee of \$120.00 according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No.: 59474.21700. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

Respectfully submitted,

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